

Safety Tip from the Department of Environmental Health and Safety

Safe Driving, Pedestrian Safety, and Motor Vehicle/Golf Cart Reminders

As the new school year gets underway, please take a moment to review these important driving and pedestrian safety reminders to keep campus travel safe.

Driving Safely on Campus

- The campus speed limit is **15 MPH** for motor vehicles and **10 MPH** for golf carts and utility vehicles. Drive more slowly when weather or road conditions are hazardous (wet or icy), or if there is significant vehicle or pedestrian traffic.
- Park only in designated parking spots that match your parking permit type. Do not block sidewalks, crosswalks, exits, bus stops, fire hydrants, or fire lanes with motor vehicles, golf carts, or utility vehicles.
- Always give driving your full attention: avoid eating, drinking, cellphone use, and other distractions while driving (note: cellphone and headphone use are prohibited in University owned and leased vehicles).
- Follow all campus traffic signage: The Bayside circle is ONE WAY only. Fully stop at stop signs and follow posted traffic patterns.
- Yield to pedestrians at the crosswalks at all times.
- Immediately report any accidents or unsafe behaviors to Public Safety (x3333).

Pedestrian Safety on Campus

- Pedestrians are required to use sidewalks and other safe, maintained travel paths. Please do not cut across the grass or walk in the roadway.
- Always use the crosswalks to cross the street and check both ways before entering the crosswalk
- Be aware of your surroundings when a driver's view may be restricted, such as vehicles, vegetation, bollards, and low light, sun glare, or heavy rain/snow conditions and especially when there is no sidewalk.
- If you are listening to music or talking on the phone, keep the volume low and pay careful attention
- Please review and follow the [guidelines for non-motorized recreational transportation equipment](#) (bikes, skateboards, scooters, rollerblades/skates, etc.)

Golf Cart and Utility Vehicle Use

- Golf carts and utility vehicles must stay on the Main Campus in Bristol and may not be driven off-campus or on/across Metacom Avenue or Ferry Road
- All golf cart and utility vehicle operators must:
 - Have their supervisor or manager's permission
 - Be at least 18 years old
 - Have a valid US driver's license
 - Complete and submit a one-time [online training video and form](#)
 - Follow all requirements of the [Golf Cart Safety Policy](#)

Motor Vehicle Use

- All drivers who use RWU owned, leased, or rented motor vehicles or their personal motor vehicles for University business are required to follow the policy: [Motor Vehicle Use Policy](#)